

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF MEDICINES UNDER NRHM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government for procuring medicines under the National Rural Health Mission(NRHM) Scheme;
- (b) whether any complaints regarding violation of norms in the procurement of medicines under the (NRHM) Scheme has been received;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) procurement of medicines and consumables is decentralized to the states concerned. The NRHM envisages setting up decentralized procurement systems like the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation model (TNMSC) and a few states have operationalised the same. The Government has not received any complaints regarding violation of norms in procurement of medicines under the NRHM.